



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 316

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before September 1, 2002,
2 the Commissioner of Public Health shall convene a task force to
3 develop recommendations that maximize community access to
4 automatic external defibrillators. Such recommendations shall include
5 strategies to: (1) Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic
6 external defibrillation to cardiac arrest victims in public settings,
7 including, but not limited to, state and municipal facilities; (2) provide
8 training to members of the public in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
9 and automatic external defibrillation in accordance with the standards
10 set forth by the American Red Cross or the American Heart
11 Association; (3) encourage private companies to purchase automatic
12 external defibrillators and provide training to their employees in
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic external defibrillation in
14 accordance with the standards set forth by the American Red Cross or
15 the American Heart Association; (4) further enhance public awareness
16 of automatic external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
17 and (5) develop uniform policies for the use of automatic external
18 defibrillators by trained individuals.

19 (b) Said task force shall be composed of one representative from
20 each of the following organizations: The American Heart Association,

21 the American Red Cross, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the
22 Connecticut College of Emergency Room Physicians, the First Aid
23 Council, Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils, the
24 Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, the Connecticut Firefighters
25 Association, the State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, the
26 Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, and the
27 Commissioner of Public Health, or said commissioner's designee.

28 (c) On or before January 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Public Health
29 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on
30 the recommendations of the task force to the joint standing committee
31 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
32 public health.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*